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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD STOCK. This old rumor, revamped from time to time, that New Yorkers were buying up Pennsylvania Railroad stock has recently been repeated in an unusually emphatic form, and it derives a certain air of plausibility from the fact that eight thousand shares, formerly owned by the city of Philadelphia, were recently sold in one lot to Gothamite purchasers. That such sales should occur is not at all extraordinary. New York is a great railway share market, and when her speculators are tired of buying and selling worthless or overpriced stocks, it is not surprising that they should invest in the shares of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which, if we consider the vast amount of its property and the brilliancy of its prospects, are much cheaper than the stock of the New York through lines. It is alleged, however, that a deeper motive than that of finding a profitable investment or a promising speculation has prompted some of the late purchases, and that a scheme is on foot to gobble up a controlling interest in the Pennsylvania Railroad, to revolutionize its management, and to run it hereafter exclusively in the interests of the city of New York. We fancy that this danger is somewhat remote, and that it has not yet become necessary to sound very loudly the tocsin of alarm. It is possible, in an age when Asa Packer owns half of the Lehigh Valley, when a controlling interest in the Reading Railroad is held by a very small number of persons, when Vanderbilt is credited with the virtual ownership of the New York Central, when Fisk and Gould have bagged the New York and Erie, that a small knot of speculators may aspire to the control of the Pennsylvania Central; but we opine that they will have quite a good time in securing possession of a majority of its stock. If, however, by any combination of accidents, such a transfer should be effected, it is conjectured by some alarmists that Philadelphia will speedily and inevitably be ruined. We must confess, however, that we scarcely understand why our merchants should tremble in their boots over the transactions of the stock market. All railways are run now, like most other modern institutions, to make money; and the chief difference between them is that while one class is managed for the benefit of the stockholders, another class is managed mainly for the pecuniary benefit of the officers or managers, and another class in part for the enrichment of the officers and in part for the enrichment of the stockholders. If the Pennsylvania Railroad should fall into the possession of speculators of the Fisk and Gould stamp, stockholders might sigh in vain for dividends; while if Vanderbilt bought a controlling interest, his fellow-stockholders might have their interests as well protected as at present. But so far as the business community of this city is concerned, the day seems to have gone forever when their special interests could be paramount objects of solicitude either with the present managers of the Pennsylvania Railroad or their possible successors. The railroad company has in time past, and will probably in time to come, do what it thinks best for itself, accommodating Philadelphia merchants as far as the business derived from them can be made a source of profit, but manifesting equal, or, if possible, even greater, readiness to accommodate the merchants of Baltimore and New York. The great substratum of the prosperity of the Pennsylvania Railroad is the local trade and travel between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. This of itself affords a sure and magnificent income; and the numerous through-trade projects which extend beyond the confines of this Commonwealth derive their greatest vitality from the fact that they make the Pennsylvania Railroad a formidable competitor for the through business of New York and Baltimore as well as that of Philadelphia. In this sense the Pennsylvania Railroad has been for years managed in a metropolitan spirit; and if a change in its management occurs, we presume that this portion of its policy would not be materially modified. The merchants of Philadelphia have made many complaints of the indisposition of the existing management of the Pennsylvania Railroad to exhibit special regard for their interests, and they are even now anxious to secure a reform in several matters connected with freight charges, so that, if their special wants cannot be better served, they will care comparatively little how soon our giant railways become, like all other smaller corporations, the prize of the highest and best bidder in the open stock market. The present management will scarcely be sustained through thick and thin as an indispensable adjunct of Philadelphia interests unless it shows a deeper and a more exclusive devotion to the special interests of this city than it has hitherto displayed. Where the welfare of the road and the interests of Philadelphia are identical, we do not doubt that the present management does its best for both parties; but in the various questions where the interests of the road prompt one policy, and the interests of this city could be best promoted by another, the welfare of Philadelphia becomes a secondary consideration—and this is nearly the worst that can happen under any conjunctural management which proved honest and efficient.

THE SENTENCE OF HANLON.

On Saturday the case of John Hanlon, convicted of the murder of Mary Mohrman, was settled by the court refusing the motion for a new trial, and by Judge Ludlow pronouncing the death sentence. The opinion of the court upon the several points presented by the prisoner's counsel in their demand for a new trial completely exposed their fallacy, and no one can read the document and not acknowledge that the judges were inspired with an earnest desire to see impartial justice done, or that Hanlon did not have a fair trial, in which his guilt was most conclusively proved. The crime of which Hanlon was convicted was so horrible and so disgraceful to human nature that nothing but the death penalty can be a proper expiation for it. Such a wretch is not fit to live, and the miserable melodramatic display which he attempted before and after the death sentence could only have the effect of increasing the contempt that every man and woman in the city must feel for him, in spite of his fearful situation. The death sentence as pronounced by Judge Ludlow was one of the most eloquent and impressive ever heard in any court, and if Hanlon is not altogether a brute, it should have effect of inducing him to prepare for his inevitable doom. The discovery of this criminal and the manner of his conviction, no less than the horrible offense of which he is guilty, make his case one of the most remarkable in our criminal annals; and remembering, as our citizens must, the poor little child who was his innocent victim, they cannot but feel a satisfaction in knowing that the hand of justice has been heavily laid upon him, and that his punishment will be an example to other evil doers. The detection and prompt punishment of such an offender as Hanlon, in spite of the mystery that enshrouded his crime, will most certainly have a wholesome effect in restraining the ruffianly instincts of other brutal scoundrels who might be disposed to follow his example; and dreadful as is the punishment that awaits him, it will be no more than he has merited, and no sorer than will be sufficient to furnish an example that others will be disposed to heed.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

CONSIDERABLE cause for complaint has existed for a long time past at the difficulty that frequently exists in parties who are entitled to them obtaining advertised letters from the Post Office. On applying at the window, persons who have the best reasons for believing that letters advertised in their names are intended for them are often informed that they are too late, as earlier claimants have already appeared. We believe that the Post Office regulations with regard to this matter provide as many safeguards as are possible without creating serious inconveniences to the public, and that the clerks, by asking from what points letters are expected and other pertinent questions, endeavor to prevent any mistakes from being perpetrated. It is obvious, however, that in spite of these precautions advertised letters can frequently be obtained by improper persons, and there is reason to believe that rogues of both sexes make a regular business of answering the Post-Office advertisements of uncalled-for letters. The number of scamps engaged in this particular line of thieving cannot, comparatively speaking, be very large, and the probabilities are that the business is not carried on extensively, except by a very few individuals. Unless an advertised letter is expected to contain money, or is of very great importance, the sufferer will not be likely to make any complaint to the Post-Office authorities, or go to the trouble and inconvenience of instituting an investigation; and the consequence is that the extent of the evil is not fully recognized. The matter is one that ought to be looked into, however, and so efficient a Postmaster as General Bingham will, we are sure, take the proper steps to put a check upon a serious nuisance now that his attention has been called to it. If, as we suppose, the principal offenders are few in number, it ought not to be a very difficult matter for a skillful detective to "spot" some of them at least, and if one or two of the thieves were caught in the act of obtaining letters that did not belong to them, and were properly punished, there would probably be very little cause for complaint in the future, especially if a suitable amount of vigilance were to be exercised by the clerks and the detective to prevent the nuisance from obtaining any extensive proportions.

THE FRENCH BAZAR.

We commend to the favorable notice of our readers the bazar to be held at Concert Hall from Wednesday next until Christmas eve. Great exertions have been made by the ladies who have interested themselves to make this one of the most attractive affairs of the kind ever held in this city, and we have every reason to believe that the display of useful and fancy articles will be unusually fine. The proceeds of the bazar will be devoted to the relief of the sick and wounded in France; and for the credit of a great city like Philadelphia the amount sent across the Atlantic, with the good wishes of a multitude of American citizens, should be as large as possible. No matter how much the sympathies of different persons may vary concerning the merits of the contest now being waged between Germany and France, the sick and wounded have claims upon all, and if any distinction is made it ought to be in favor of the French, who are the most in need of the kind of aid those who have interested themselves in this bazar propose to extend. In giving of our abundance to relieve the sufferings of the wounded men of the French armies no obligation of neutrality is violated, while, independently of the demands of humanity, we will be doing a good work that will bind more firmly than ever the friendly relations that have for so many years existed between the French and American people. We hope that the citizens of Philadelphia will contribute liberally to the bazar, so that the

display may be as imposing as possible, and that after it is opened they will purchase largely without disputing about prices. The ladies having charge of the tables, however, may be safely entrusted with the task of getting the largest possible amounts for the articles they offer for sale, and the prospects are that the profits of the bazar will equal the most sanguine expectations of those who have interested themselves in it.

NOTICES.

OVERCOATS, OVERCOATS, OVERCOATS. MEN'S WINTER MELTON OVERCOATS, ALL WOOL, FOR EIGHT DOLLARS, \$8.50. A good serviceable article selling much below their value. Half way between Fifth and Sixth streets. BENNETT & CO., TOWER HALL, No. 515 MARKET STREET.

SEE advertisement of Almore's Mince Meat on Eighth Page. WHITMAN'S JUJUBE.—For singers and public speakers, to keep the throat moist and voice clear, it is excellent. 25 cents per box. Druggists sell it. STEPHEN F. WHITMAN & SONS, Sole Manufacturers, S. W. corner of Twelfth and Market streets.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE STAR COURSE OF LECTURES. MISS SUSAN B. ANTHONY, ON MONDAY EVENING, Dec. 12. Subject.—The Slave Theory. This lecture is a presentation of the facts of life, against the theory that women are born to be supported and protected by men. LUCRETTIA MOTT will introduce Miss ANTHONY to the audience. Admission, 50 cents; Reserved Seats, 25 cents extra. Tickets for sale at GOULD & FISCHER'S Piano Rooms, No. 923 Chestnut street, and at the Academy on the evening of the lecture. Doors open at 7 1/2. Lecture at 8. 12 9 31

TO VESSEL OWNERS AND CAPTAINS PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7, 1870. A special meeting of the VESSEL OWNERS' ASSOCIATION will be held at the Association Rooms, No. 125 WYAMPTON Street, Philadelphia, on WEDNESDAY, December 14, 1870, at 12 o'clock, M., to take into consideration the necessity of some Congressional legislation to protect and advance the interests of vessels engaged in the coasting trade. All persons interested in this matter are invited to be present. JOHN W. EVERMAN, President. CHAS. H. STEELMAN, Secretary. 12 9 31

A STATED MEETING OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF THE P. E. CHURCH, IN PHILADELPHIA, will be held on MONDAY EVENING, December 12, at 7 1/2 o'clock at the CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES, S. E. corner of TWENTY-FIRST and CHRISTIAN Sts. The subject for discussion will be "UNIFORM AND LESSON STUDY." REV. PHILLIPS BROOKS, of BOSTON, and other Clergymen and Laymen will participate. All interested in Sunday-school work invited. GEORGE C. THOMAS, Recording Secretary. 12 10 21

WOMEN'S WORK FOR WOMAN.—A Public Meeting of the Women of Philadelphia and their friends will be held in Tabernacle Baptist Church, CHESTNUT Street, above Eighteenth, on THIS (Monday) EVENING, at 7 1/2 o'clock, to adopt plans of organization. Addresses will be delivered by REV. WM. BACON STEVENS, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church. REV. GEORGE A. PELTZ, REV. MR. KENNARD, REV. J. L. WILKINSON, WM. BUCKNELL, Esq. 12

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—A DIVIDEND OF FIFTY CENTS PER SHARE will be paid by the HESTONVILLE, MANFUA, AND FAIRMOUNT PASSENGER RAILROAD COMPANY, free of State tax, on and after December 21st next, at the office of the Company, No. 112 South FRONT Street. Transfer books will be closed December 15th and reopen December 31st. CHARLES P. HASTINGS, Treasurer. 12 10 21

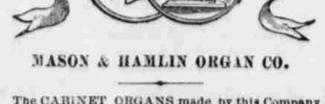
SOUTHWARK NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10, 1870. The annual election for Directors will be held at the Banking-house on TUESDAY, January 10, 1871, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 12 o'clock M. P. LAMB, Cashier. 12 10 21

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JOSEPH E. SMILEY.—THE ORPHANS' Court for the City and County of Philadelphia, upon petition filed, has granted a rule on you returnable on the 14th day of January, 1871, at 10 o'clock A. M., to show cause why you should not be dismissed as Trustee of the estate of SARAH ELIZA COULTER. AMOS BRIGGS, Attorney for petitioner. 12 12 11

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